Fire and Rescue Service

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of the combined and integrated Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service is to protect life, property, and the environment with comprehensive emergency medical, fire, and disaster prevention/educational programs, and with the delivery of efficient and effective readiness, response, and emergency management through skilled, motivated, and compassionate service providers. The Fire and Rescue Service Capital Program provides for the repair and renovation of existing facilities and construction of new or replacement facilities at appropriate locations throughout the County to ensure prompt and efficient fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

Fire, rescue, and emergency medical services are provided throughout the County by the combination fire service consisting of County career staff and 19 local volunteer fire and rescue departments, which operate 34 fire and rescue stations and 11 worksites. The majority of these corporations receive annual tax support. Tax funds are used to support operations and to renovate and/or build capital facilities. Staffing is provided by career personnel and supplemented with volunteers within the framework of Countywide policies and procedures established by the Fire and Rescue Commission. The Fire and Rescue Service also directs and provides services in the areas of program development, fire prevention, fire and explosives investigations, communications. emergency medical services, and emergency training, management preparedness.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Open the West Germantown Fire Station in Winter 2008.
- Begin construction of the East Germantown Fire Station in July 2008.
- Begin design of a 23,900 gross square foot fire station to replace the current Glenmont Fire Station located at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road.
- Begin design of a 12,000 gross square foot addition to the current Kensington (Aspen Hill) Fire Station #25 to meet current and future operational requirements and accommodate growing staff.
- Start operations at the interim Fire and Rescue Service Maintenance Facility at Southlawn Lane.
- Complete upgrade of female facilities at Gaithersburg Fire Station #8, Kensington Fire Station #21, and Cabin John Fire Station #10

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The FY09-14 Capital Improvements Program for Fire and Rescue Service includes two new and fourteen ongoing projects totaling \$60.1 million over six years. This represents a \$41.6 million or 40.9 percent decrease from the FY07-12 Amended Program of \$101.7 million. This difference is a result of several projects progressing through the construction phase or to completion.

The two new projects included in the FY09-14 Capital Improvements Program for Fire and Rescue Service are Glenmont Fire Station 18 Replacement and Kensington (Aspen Hill) Fire Station 25 Addition.

